

Siem Reap, Cambodia,

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### **STATEMENT – MYANMAR/BURMA**

We, the undersigned Asian and European participants to the 8<sup>th</sup> informal Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) seminar on human rights, “freedom of expression”, gathered in Siem Reap, Cambodia, note with great concern the recent developments in Myanmar/Burma. In particular, we condemn the violence that has claimed the lives of demonstrators. We call on the government to exercise restraint and respect the rights of all Burmese to freedom of assembly and to the peaceful expression of their views and opinions, in line with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In the spirit of the ASEM informal dialogue, we call on the government to work with all sectors of society towards an immediate peaceful resolution of the current situation and the full realisation of human rights in the country.

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##### Governments

Austria - Austrian embassy, Bangkok  
Belgium - Embassy in Bangkok  
Bulgaria - Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Estonia - Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
European Commission  
France - French Ambassador at large for Human Rights  
Germany – Embassy in Bangkok  
Italy - Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Latvia - Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Lithuania - Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Netherlands - Ambassador at large for Human Rights  
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Spain - Ambassador at large for Human Rights, Spain  
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##### Associations

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Asia House and German Asia Foundation, Germany  
Cambodian Centre for Human Rights, Cambodia  
Campaign for Popular Media Reform, Thailand  
Centre for Culture Technology and Values, Ireland  
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Don't Block the Blog, Pakistan  
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